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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri 9/27/2019 7:58:06 PM
Subject: Re: Fire at Encampment near Wheatland

Thank you for your response. I am aware of the various cleanups of some encampments and appreciative. But this is what should be happening. The park service was nearby two days ago cleaning out the husband/wife team that insists on camping under the Foothill/210 overpasses. This was the 2nd time in approximately 2-3 weeks they cleaned them out of there. Why are they allowed to come back with no penalty? These people make a big pile of their possessions at the bus stop and then move it all back down in there a few days later.

The same thing must be happening at the Wheatland encampment because there are ongoing repetitive fires there. I don't think a week to 10 days goes by without a fire in the Dam. I appreciate the ongoing dismantlements of the camps but isn't it a lot like wack-a-mole? There is no penalty beyond a useless citation for a misdemeanor so they just move 500' over to a new brush area and set up camp again. As far as I can determine, there is no follow up to the misdemeanors. No teeth.

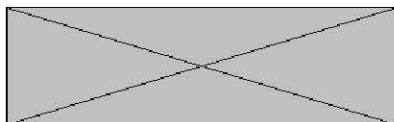
I am asking about a permanent solution with repercussions for and accountability by these people who are mostly "campers" who demonstrate no intention of following the law. They endanger our entire community and suck the life out of the fire department resources.

[REDACTED]

On Fri, Sep 27, 2019 at 12:37 PM Eve Sinclair <eve.sinclair@lacity.org> wrote:

There is no hold up. Let me inform you about our actions, in case you haven't been out in Hansen Dam recently. We are currently working very closely together with Rec and Parks rangers and maintenance, LAPD, Sanitation, and with our outreach agencies to address these very issues in Hansen Dam; a massive cleanup and outreach effort has been underway, and will continue, throughout Hansen Dam (see pictures below from last week). We will continue to prioritize efforts in this area to ensure that encampments in the high fire zone are addressed with both urgency and compassion. There are other areas nearby to Hansen Dam, such as the 210 bridge over the Big Tujunga wash, that do not fall under the jurisdiction of the City of LA. Property owned by the US Army Corps, Cal Trans, as well as that owned by LA County, is maintained by those agencies. We just held one of our Homelessness Task Force meetings this past week with representatives of all of these agencies to encourage cleanups in those areas that are located in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. We will continue to work with these agencies to ensure safety for all.

In addition, if you are not familiar with the Councilwoman's work on this issue, you can read here about the new City ordinance regarding enforcement in high fire zones: http://www.monicarodriguez.org/ordinance_enhancing_enforcement_in_high_fire_zones_goes_into_effect. I am also attaching our one-pager with some highlights on the Councilwoman's work on the issue of homelessness. Thank you.



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On Fri, Sep 27, 2019 at 10:48 AM [REDACTED] wrote:

Good Morning,

So there was another fire last night. This time down in front of the dam. It didn't start all by itself.

When are you going to apply enough pressure to get these people out of the Dam? What is the hold up?

[REDACTED]

On Mon, Sep 23, 2019 at 9:43 AM [REDACTED] wrote:

Good Morning,

So just wondering, do the numerous fires in the BT wash near Wheatland along with the encampment fire doused by the fire department yesterday qualify for complete dismantlement of that camp and all camps in that area? Reports are that this last one was large at 100' x 100'. Do the dismantlements come with warnings not to move elsewhere in the wash and set up camp again? Do they take names and ID's? Is there a record of these lawbreakers being compiled? Can repeat offenders be arrested?

Why can't all the people in the camp be held liable for the fires?

Does it really need to be an inferno in 60mph winds to get any attention? I am serious about my questions.

Thank you for your interest in keeping LVT safe and any endeavors you undertake to clear the wash and Hansen Dam of these camps.

[REDACTED]